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Sandra Kennedy  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
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Dear Sandra Kennedy,

APS and Southwest Gas together are asking for your approval to raise average residence utility costs more than \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Now is not the time to have our utility costs increased by so much.

Thousands of Arizonans are out of work. Many homes are in foreclosure.

There have been no Social Security COLA increase for two years.

The costs of food and gasoline are way up.

Now is not the time to raise our combined gas and electric rates.

I'm counting on you, as an elected Commissioner.

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Debra Taylor*  
Mrs. Debra Taylor

Arizona Corporation Commission

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**Katherine Nutt**

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**From:** AARP Arizona [AARPAZ@AARP.ORG] on behalf of Nancy Young [nyoung29a@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2011 5:51 PM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** APS and SW Gas Ask Big Combined Rate Increases

Oct 6, 2011

Commissioner Sandra Kennedy  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Kennedy,

APS and Southwest Gas together are asking for your approval to raise average residence utility costs more than \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

I'm not sure I understand all the details, but one concern is that those of us who try to conserve energy will be penalized with higher rates.

There have been no Social Security COLA increase for two years. The costs of insurance, food and gasoline, etc., are way up.

Now is not the time to raise our combined gas and electric rates.

I'm counting on you, as an elected Commissioner.

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy Young  
10305 W Kingswood Cir  
Sun City, AZ 85351-1940

## Katherine Nutt

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**From:** AARP Arizona [AARPAZ@AARP.ORG] on behalf of Chester Homan  
[chesterhoman@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2011 2:51 PM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** APS Rate Increases

Oct 6, 2011

Commissioner Sandra Kennedy  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Kennedy,

APS and Southwest Gas together are asking for your approval to raise average residence utility costs more than \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Unfortunately, I will be out of town when this meeting is held. I have a fact that it is important for you to know, however. APS HAS BEEN MISIMFORMING CUSTOMERS OF WHAT THEY ARE REQUESTING. I have told them this and have received no response other than, in effect, a "whops." Here are the specifics. In a public notice they sent out to their customers they said: "In addition, APS' application seeks to establish a decoupling mechanism to remove utility disincentives for energy efficiency and distributed generation and improve the recovery of costs the do not vary with electric usage." This didn't seem to make sense to me so I called them to get more information. They do NOT intend to remove disincetives. Removing disincentives would make energy efficiency and distributed generation more attractive to the consumer. They intend to do just the opposite. They want to increase the costs to consumers who do things like install solar. This is bad for the city, the state, the country, and the world (although it would give APS more money). We need MORE energy efficiency, not less. Also, it may result in a class action suit that customers would have to pay for since, in the past, they rewarded customers for installing solar and we relied on their information to decide whether it would be cost effective and this would effect decisions that we already make to spend thousands of dollars. SINCE THEY SENT OUT FALSE INFORMATION, I BELIEVE THEIR REQUEST SHOULD BE DENIED OR THEY SHOULD START THE PROCESS OVER AND SEND OUT THE TRUTH. Since they are requesting to do things that are bad for the country, I think their request should be denied. Since they are trying to create a situation that could result in a class action suit that could cost customers a lot of money, I think their request should be denied.

Thank you,

Chet Homan

I'm counting on you, as an elected Commissioner.

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Katherine Nutt**

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**From:** Richard Peters [richardpdp1@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2011 9:54 AM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** Vote NO on utility rate increase

Oct 6, 2011

Commissioner Sandra Kennedy  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Kennedy,

Southwest Gas and APS are asking for your approval to raise our residence utility costs which if approved will cost us more than \$140 a year.

This may not seem like a large sum of money but for people like myself on a fixed limited income it adds up. Considering that for the past 2 years Congress has chosen to not provide a COAL to SS recipients. With the increase in fuel costs, food, general consumer goods unemployment at a record level and home foreclosures up the unjustified increase in utility rates is simply not justified.

As an elected Commissioner I am counting on you to vote NO on any increase.

Thank you.

Regards,

Richard Peters

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Glendale, AZ 85304

[richardpdp1@cox.net](mailto:richardpdp1@cox.net)

**Katherine Nutt**

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**From:** AARP Arizona [AARPAZ@AARP.ORG] on behalf of Tim Graves  
[tim@wolfgangscooling.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2011 3:59 PM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** APS and SW Gas Ask Big Combined Rate Increases

Oct 11, 2011

Commissioner Sandra Kennedy  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Kennedy,

APS and Southwest Gas together are asking for your approval to raise average residence utility costs more than \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Now is not the time to have our utility costs increased by so much.

Thousands of Arizonans are out of work. Many homes are in foreclosure.

There have been no Social Security COLA increase for two years.

The costs of food and gasoline are way up.

Now is not the time to raise our combined gas and electric rates.

The requested "decoupling" by Southwest Gas is especially troubling.

Saving energy to keep costs lower may be eliminated as an option for consumers under this scheme. With budgets stretched thin already, the idea that I can no longer control my bill through conservation and responsible usage is outrageous.

If the state of the economy means more people take extra care to use less fuel to save money, Southwest Gas must share in the sacrifice we all are facing.

Maintaining their projected earnings on the backs of the people suffering the most is not fair.

Please vote NO on the this unfair and un-American attempt at yet another corporate bailout on the backs of average citizens.

I'm counting on you, as an elected Commissioner.

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tim Graves

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**From:** Larry Bilderback [suncitybound@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2011 3:59 PM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** Please reject 'decoupling'

Dear Mrs Kennedy,

I'm writing to seek your consideration regarding Dockets G-01551A-10-0458 (SWG) and E-01345A-11-0224 (APS). Both of these rate proposals contain language that in practice allow the respective utilities to recover revenue lost due to energy conservation. Its this unintended consequence of decoupling that concerns me. It seems counter intuitive to be charged more, in the form of surcharges, if you successfully conserve energy. I have yet to hear a compelling argument to win my support for decoupling ... quite the opposite, I remain firmly opposed and trust you do as well.

So please resist the arguments supporting decoupling and recognize it for it is .. a consumer rip-off ... and continue to stand up for your consumer constituents.

Thank you as always for your consideration.

Best regards,

Larry Bilderback  
10006 W Oak Ridge Dr  
Sun City, AZ 85351

**Katherine Nutt**

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**From:** AARP Arizona [AARPAZ@AARP.ORG] on behalf of Deborah Burns [tuckertonian@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2011 9:27 AM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** APS and SW Gas Ask Big Combined Rate Increases

Oct 10, 2011

Commissioner Sandra Kennedy  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Kennedy,

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Now is not the time to raise our combined gas and electric rates.

I'm counting on you, as an elected Commissioner.

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Deborah Burns  
2305 E Cavalry Rd  
New River, AZ 85087-7567

**Katherine Nutt**

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**From:** AARP Arizona [AARPAZ@AARP.ORG] on behalf of Patricia Williams-Randall [pwill0877@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2011 2:27 PM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** APS and SW Gas Ask Big Combined Rate Increases

Oct 10, 2011

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1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Williams-Randall  
17938 N Javelina Dr  
Surprise, AZ 85374-7333